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RETIREMENT OF PASSPORT & OTHER OCLC SOFTWARE

Here are the dates you've all been waiting for!

OCLC has consulted with librarians as well as its own Members Council, advisory committees and regional service providers, and is announcing software retirement dates for its current cataloging, resource sharing and union list services.

RETIREMENT DATES

May 1, 2005

OCLC will retire:

- **Passport for Cataloging**
 - o You must migrate before May 1st to Connexion - either the Browser and/or the Client.
- **Passport for Interlibrary Loan**
- **ILL Web**
- **ILL ME**
- **ILLiad 6.x**

If you use Passport for ILL, ILL Web, ILL ME or ILLiad 6.x for interlibrary loan you must migrate to WorldCat Resource Sharing (presently referred to as the First-Search staff view) or upgrade to OCLC ILLiad 7.0.

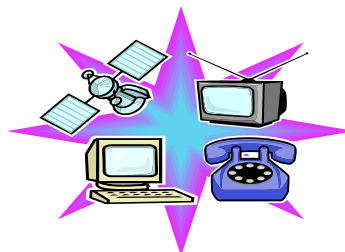
OCLC is already seeing considerable migration of users from ILL Web to World-Cat Resource Sharing. If this trend continues, OCLC will work with remaining libraries to speed up the migration process. This may result in an earlier retirement date for ILL Web.

June 2005

OCLC will retire **Passport for union listing**. Those who use Passport for Union List activities must migrate to Connexion.

July 1, 2005

OCLC will retire **CatME**, **CJK** and **Arabic**. All users of these interfaces must migrate to Connexion Client.



MIGRATION DATES & FUNCTIONALITY BY SERVICE

Cataloging

NOTE to CatExpress Libraries: *CatExpress is *not* migrating to a new interface. CatExpress users already use the Connexion browser interface, so there is no change to the way you currently catalog.*

Connexion browser (<http://www.oclc.org/connexion/interface/browser/>) is available and contains all cataloging functionality found in Passport, except for macros (supported only in Connexion Client) and truncated lists (which will be added in the near future). The browser will also include true keyword searching and support for additional browse indexes in the future.

Connexion client (<http://www.oclc.org/connexion/interface/client/>) is available for download. The client is a powerful, flexible Windows-based interface with productivity-boosting enhancements including macros, additional keyboard customization - you can perform all navigation and cataloging actions using assignable key combinations - and integrated label printing.

Important dates for cataloging:

- *November/December 2004:* Connexion client version 1.20 will be released and will contain most CatME functionality including NACO, authority searching enhancements, local files and batch processing.
- *1st quarter 2005:* Connexion client version 1.30 will be released including the remainder of CatME functionality, WorldCat true keyword searching, truncated lists, and CJK support.
- *2nd quarter 2005:* Connexion client version 1.40 will be released including support for Arabic cataloging.

Resource Sharing

On August 15, basic borrowing and lending functionality became available in *WorldCat Resource Sharing* (formerly referred to as the FirstSearch staff view) (<http://www.oclc.org/ill/migration/>). Libraries that currently use ILL Web at <http://illweb.oclc.org> and have a FirstSearch account may begin moving their workflow to WorldCat Resource Sharing at any time. Other libraries may wish to consult with NEBASE about the best time for their ILL workflow to move to the new WorldCat Resource Sharing.

- *December 2004:* Version 7.0 of ILLiad will be released and will ensure ongoing interoperability with the OCLC interlibrary loan service. ILLiad users will see a new search form for sending requests. All updating and downloading will happen automatically and in real time. All libraries currently using OCLC resource sharing that do not have access to FirstSearch can log on to World-

Cat Resource Sharing.

- *December 2004-April 2005:* WorldCat Resource Sharing will gain additional high-productivity features and functionality. The improved workflow enables users of Passport for ILL, ILL Web, and ILL ME to migrate to WorldCat Resource Sharing.
- *December 2004:* Users of Passport for ILL and ILL ME can migrate their workflow to WorldCat Resource Sharing thanks to several new features:
 - o Custom holdings will create lender strings for serial requests based on year(s) of holdings information in local data records. This will allow you to request photocopies from only those institutions that own the volume and issue that you need.
 - o Integration with Policies Directory data will deflect requests based on group membership, geographic region, fees, formats, non-circulating policies, etc. As a lender you will receive only those requests that you can fill.
 - o Local holdings information from your web-based OPAC will be added to Pending requests paving the way for a later enhancement to create picklists.
- *Second quarter 2005:* WorldCat Resource Sharing will experience downtime during migration to a new technology platform. OCLC will provide advance notice of the time and duration, and work to minimize the impact on libraries.
- *May 1, 2005:* OCLC will retire Passport for ILL, ILL Web, ILL ME and ILLiad 6.x. All users of these interfaces must migrate to WorldCat Resource Sharing or upgrade to OCLC ILLiad 7.0.

Union List

June 2005: OCLC will retire Passport for Union List, and one of the Connexion interfaces will support local holdings (LDR) maintenance. OCLC will decide which Connexion interface will first include this functionality in December 2004 at the latest, and will release more details about the migration over the next few months and as well as when this decision has been made.

NEED HELP?

Please contact Christa Burns if you have questions or comments. E-mail: cburns@ncl.state.ne.us; Phone: 1-800-307-2665 or 1-402-471-3107.

Evil Obsession

by Nellie Snyder Yost

is back in print :

ISBN 1886225281

Check to see if you need a new copy of this Nebraska favorite!

ONLINE C.E. COURSES

Attention public library staff and/or public library board members! Are you looking for another way to learn more about any of the following areas:

- Library Privacy & Confidentiality: Law and Policy
- Managing Difficult Patrons with Confidence!
- Providing Excellent Customer Service in a Multicultural Environment

without having to leave the library and/or home and receive 2 hours of continuing education credits? Now you can!

The Nebraska Library Commission in cooperation with the Regional Library Systems will provide you with another learning opportunity through one of three online classes being offered through the Library Education @ Desktop program from the University of North Texas School of Library and Information Science. More specific information about each course is available at: <http://www.leadonline.info/>

Normally the costs of the courses are \$ 7.00 each but the Nebraska Library Commission is purchasing ten open slots for 10 different individuals within each Regional Library System area. This means that there is no cost for each participant.

What if I have never participated in an online course? That's ok. Your Regional Library System office staff will provide you with assistance as a facilitator in the course.

Can completion of any of the courses be applied toward the Public Librarian Certification program or the Public Library Board Certification program? Yes. If a participant has applied for the applicable certification program, the person will receive 2 hours toward the appropriate certification program.

When will the class start? Any of the classes listed above will begin October 18, 2004. You will have until November 30, 2004 to complete the course.

When and where can I sign up? As soon as you can! There are just 10 individuals in each Re-

gional Library System area that can participate in a course without any individual cost to them. If you are interested in registering for one of the courses listed above, contact your Regional Library System office before October 13, 2004.

What if I have more questions? If you have any other questions pertaining to this opportunity, contact Pam Scott, Continuing Education Coordinator, Nebraska Library Commission via email: pscott@nlc.state.ne.us or via phone: 800-307-2665.



LAMA Institute

Egret to Cattle: Thanks for the Ride! – Unlock the Keys to Employee Appreciation

Sponsored by Nebraska Library Commission with the Public Library Resource Group (PRLG), the University of Nebraska Council of Libraries (UNCL), and the Regional Library Systems.

Presenter: Karen Purves

- **Cornhusker Hotel, 333 South 13th Street, Lincoln**
- **November 22, 2004**
- **9:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. CT**
- **Registration from 8:30-9:00 A.M.**

For more information please see the 2004 LAMA web page: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/ce/LAMA/lama2004.html>.

Registration fee: \$ 25.00 (includes morning refreshments, morning and afternoon breaks, lunch, and parking)

To register please contact: Jacque Crocker, Nebraska Library Commission via phone: 800-307-2665 or via e-mail: jcrocker@nlc.state.ne.us by **November 8, 2004**. Mail a check payable to Nebraska Library Commission to: Nebraska Library Commission, c/o Jacque Crocker, 1200 N Street, Suite 120, Lincoln, NE 68508-2023, *payment required in advance* by **November 15, 2004**.

If participants must travel more than 200 miles one way or 400 miles round trip to attend the Institute:

- The Nebraska Library Commission will cover overnight accommodations for participants who meet the mileage requirement if reservations are made through the Nebraska Library Commission. Please contact Jacque Crocker via phone at 800-307-2665 or via email: jcrocker@nlc.state.ne.us.
- Participants that travel more than 200 miles one way or 400 miles round trip to attend will be reimbursed for mileage at \$ 0.375 per mile.

If special accommodations are needed to attend this workshop (including interpreters for the hearing impaired) contact Jacque Crocker, via email: jcrocker@nlc.state.ne.us or via phone: 800-307-2665.



Making Copyright Work for Your Library

This teleconference, sponsored in part by ALA, is well worth the watching. Experts in the field of copyright and copyright law came together to discuss copyright as it applies to print and electronic resources in "in-person" situations and distance learning situations. Topics include:

- Rights of the copyright owner
- Exceptions to those rights
- Fair Use
- TEACH Act
- Digital Millennium Copyright Act
- Electronic Resources
- Need for Copyright Policies

The System Office has a copy of this tape available for loan. We have also purchased *Complete Copyright, An Everyday Guide for Librarians* by Carrie Russell who is one of the workshop presenters and ALA's copyright office specialist in Washington, D.C. If you wish to check out either of these items, please give us a call!

NANCY PEARL'S PICKS FOR THE POLITICAL SEASON

Nancy Pearl has compiled a list of reading material for people who are interested in politics, but disgusted with today's political rhetoric. "We're heading into the silly season," Pearl tells NPR's Steve Inskeep. "There's going to be a lot of stuff that you're just going to wince when you hear it." The solution? A list of smart, satirical, and scandalous works that offer an antidote to the ugliness of modern campaigns:

***Democracy* by Henry Adams:** Published anonymously in 1876, *Democracy* is filled with characters based on some of the major politicians during the Reconstruction.

***All the King's Men* by Robert Penn Warren:** The 1947 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel is often called one of the greatest — if not the greatest — political novels of all time. It is loosely based on the life of Louisiana politician, Gov. Huey Long.

***Advise and Consent* by Allen Drury:** This timeless 1959 novel offers a depiction of the inner workings of Congress.

***A Dangerous Friend* by Ward Just:** Just's novel comments on the dangers of entanglement in foreign politics -- in this case, Vietnam.

***Echo House* by Ward Just:** A story that traces a political family dynasty from before the New Deal through the present.

Books that bring the concept of terrorism home:

***The American Ambassador* by Ward Just** and ***Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy* by John le Carré.**

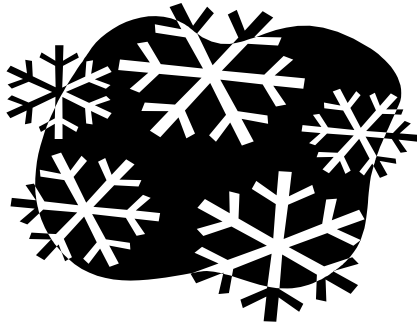
***American Hero* by Larry Beinhart:** A dark romp through the underbelly of politics, *American Hero* was the basis for the film *Wag the Dog*.

***Shelley's Heart* by Charles McCarry:** Dubbed "the American John le Carré," McCarry tells the story of an election stolen by a cabal of men through computer fraud.

Anthony Trollope's Palliser novels offer great British political fiction, including: ***The Eustace Diamonds*** and ***The Prime Minister*.**

For some of the best novels of biographical political fiction: ***Grant* by Max Byrd**, ***Lincoln* by Gore Vidal**, ***Burr* by Gore Vidal**, and ***Washington, D.C.* by Gore Vidal.**

(From NPR.org)



Winter Workshop

Friday, January 7, 2005 from 9:30 - 2:30
Central Community College 3519 Second Avenue,
Kearney, NE
4.5 CEUs from Nebraska Library Commission
Cost: \$ 12 (includes lunch)

Track 1: Technology Track

9:30-11:30 MS Power Point: Introduction to Power Point. This session will enable attendees to produce and give a basic electronic presentation using Power Point software. Presenter: John Seyfarth, Computer System Manager, Sump Memorial Library

11:45-12:45 Digital Imaging, Scanners and Digital Camera. Introduces the student to the world of digital imaging, using computers, scanners, digital cameras and both imaging and optical character recognition software. Presenter: John Seyfarth, Computer System Manager, Sump Memorial Library

1:30-2:15 The Fear Factor: Finding Traditional and Alternative Medical Resources on the Internet. Choosing and evaluating web resources in the area of medicine. Presenter: Marty Magee, National Network/Libraries of Medicine

Track 2: Adults Track

9:30-11:00 Reference Interview. What six pieces of evidence are needed? Also will cover reference behaviors and open vs. closed questions. Presenter: Lisa Kelly, Information Services Director, Nebraska Library Commission

11:15-12:45 Weeding Your Collections. Clean up and clean out your collection using the basics of the CREW model. *Bring three items you are considering weeding from your collection. Presenter: Kathy Tooker, Administrator, Eastern Library System

1:30-2:15 Speed Reading Books or How to Read a Novel in Ten Minutes. Learn the basics of “speed” reading novels plus how to write annotations. * Bring a novel you have read and one you have not read. Presenter: Sharon Osenga, Administrator, Meridian Library System

Track 3: Youth Track

9:30-11:00 Non-fiction for Grades 5+. Suggestions for current non-fiction that will interest kids in grades 5+. Presenter: Sharon Osenga, Administrator, Meridian Library System

11:15-12:45 Graphic Novels. What are graphic novels? Should I have them in my library? How do I find and select them? Presenter: Susan Steider, Young Adult Librarian, Lincoln City Libraries

1:30-2:15 Book Talking vs. Book Reviewing. What is the difference between a book talk and a book review? What are the components of each? How can I make my book talks interesting? Session includes practice writing and presentation. * Please bring 3 books you have read to this session. Presenter: Sally Snyder, Coordinator of Children & Young Adult Services, Nebraska Library Commission

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REGISTRATION:

Name: _____

Library: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Please mail this form or a copy with \$12 per person (includes lunch) by December 31st to:

Meridian Library System
3519 2nd Avenue, Suite B
Kearney, NE 68847



In case of inclement weather, please call the System office to see if the workshop has been rescheduled.



2004 EDGAR AWARDS

BEST NOVEL: *Resurrection Men* by Ian Rankin

BEST FIRST NOVEL BY AN AMERICAN

AUTHOR: *Death of a Nationalist* by Rebecca Pawel

BEST PAPERBACK ORIGINAL: *Find Me Again* by Sylvia Maultash Warsh

BEST CRITICAL/BIOGRAPHICAL: *Beautiful Shadow: A Life of Patricia Highsmith* by Andrew Wilson

BEST FACT CRIME: *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson

BEST SHORT STORY: "*The Maids*" - by G. Miki Hayden (in *Blood on Their Hands*, Berkley Prime Crime)

BEST YOUNG ADULT: *Acceleration* by Graham McNamee

BEST JUVENILE: *Bernie Magruder & the Bats in the Belfry* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

GRAND MASTER: Joseph Wambaugh

THE SIMON & SCHUSTER - MARY HIGGINS

CLARK AWARD: *Song of the Bones* by M.K. Preston



NORS QUILT

The Gibbon Public Library had the honor of kicking off the *Nebraska Donor Family Quilts Public Library Tour*. In 2002, Nebraska Organ Recovery System (NORS) and the Lions Eye Bank of Nebraska (LEBN) went back five years and invited families to design a quilt square in honor of their loved one who was an organ, tissue, or eye donor. One hundred thirty-six quilt squares were submitted and were made into four separate quilts. The quilts have been displayed at many of Nebraska's hospitals and are also borrowed by families for display at special events. The quilts are a loving tribute to those individuals who gave the gift of life in Nebraska, but are also important in educating the public about the critical need for more organ and tissue donors. Between the two transplant centers in Nebraska, there are approximately 450 people awaiting some type of life-saving organ transplant in our state.

Families were also invited to submit a story about their loved one who was a donor. The stories were compiled in *A Quilt Story Book*, which will be on display with the quilts. This touching book tells the story of each donor who has been honored with a square on the Nebraska Donor Family Quilts. NORS and LEBN donated a copy of *A Quilt Story Book* to the Gibbon Public Library.

For more information on displaying a quilt, please contact Chris Dunham, NORS Community Liaison, at (877) 633-1800 or (402) 733-1800. Her email is ChrisD@nedonation.org.



Which Sharon Creech Character Are You Most Like?

It's a fact. Girls like quizzes, especially the kind that show up in Tiger Beat. But here's a quiz that figures out which Sharon Creech character you're most like, from books such as *Walk Two Moons*, *The Wanderer*, *Granny Torrelli Makes Soup*, and others by the popular author. It's a cute way to encourage girls to read. The site also has suggestions for starting girls-only book clubs.

<http://www.forgirlsandtheirdreams.org/clubs/Creech_quiz.htm>

(from *Reading Rockets* newsletter)



CUTTING MACHINES AVAILABLE

The following months are open on the cutting machine schedule:

Machine #1: December 2004—May 2005

Machine #2: March, April, May 2005

Please contact the System Office at: meridian@frontiernet.net if you would like to schedule a cutting machine.



**Autumn:
A new beginning
@ your library™ too!**



There are lots of things happening in the fall, especially if you are involved with kids. Here are some upcoming events to keep in mind as you are planning your fall schedules.

Quoting Judy Blume,
"It's not just the books under
fire now that worry me. It is the books
that will never be written. The books that
will never be read. And all due to the fear
of censorship. As always, young readers
will be the real losers."

➔ **Teen Read Week** is October 17-23. This is an initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) and they have selected as this year's theme "It's Alive! @ your library™. This sounds like a really fun and interesting topic, especially around Halloween. Lots of information can be found at www.ala.org/teenread/.

The scary, horror, suspenseful and supernatural has been intriguing since the time of Dracula and Frankenstein. "Teen reading for fun" has declined over the last several years—all the more reason to promote this special week at your library. The theme lends itself to all kinds of monsters, scary creatures, mysteries, weird science and even magic. Wouldn't an evening with your teens watching "Attack of the Killer Tomatoes" be a great time?

➔ *Let's Book* is the theme of this year's **Children's Book Week**, November 15-21. Did you realize that Children's Book Week has been celebrated since 1919? The Children's Book Council produces lots of materials to help

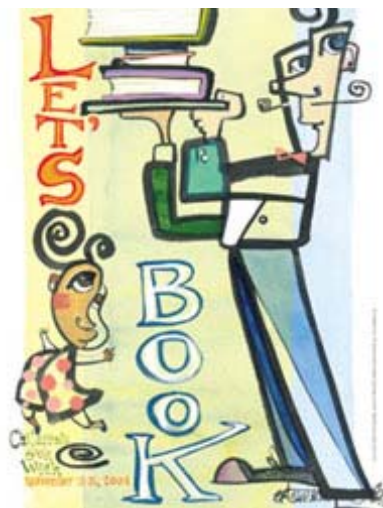
celebrate this event. Their website is www.cbcbooks.org.

Frederic Melcher (a member of the American Booksellers Association) was one of the "founding fathers" of this promotion and is quoted as saying-

"Book Week brings us together to talk about books and reading and, out of our knowledge and love of books, to put the cause of children's reading squarely before the whole community and, community by community, across the whole nation. For a great nation is a reading nation."

I dare you to try this activity. Have a week of **No TV**. Sign a pledge, wear a button, carry a sign during Children's Book Week.

**Reading
Only
Please**



NOTABLE BOOK FOR A GLOBAL SOCIETY

The Notable Books for a Global Society (a International Reading Association committee) has announced it list of 25 notables for 2004. They are as follows (all published in 2003):

Cameron, Ann. *Colibri*. Farrar, Straus & Giroux.
 Cave, Kathryn. *One Child, One Seed: A South African Counting Book*. Henry Holt.
 D'adamo, Francesco. *Iqbal*. Atheneum.
 Dennis, Yvonne Wakim & Hirschfelder, Arlene. *Children of Native America Today*. Charlesbridge.
 Edwardson, Debby Dahl. *Whale Snow*. Ill. by Annie Patterson. Charlesbridge.
 Fleming, Candace. *Boxes for Katje*. Ill. by Stacey Dressen-McQueen. Farrar, Straus & Giroux.
 Holt, Kimberly Willis. *Keeper of the Night*. Henry Holt.
 Jung, Reinhardt. *Dreaming in Black and White*. Phyllis Fogelman/Penguin.
 Krull, Kathleen. *Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez*. Ill. by Yuyi Morales. Harcourt.
 Levine, Karen. *Hana's Suitcase*. Whitman.
 Mankell, Henning. *Secrets in the Fire*. Annick Press.
 McCann, Michelle R. *Luba: Angel of Bergen-Belsen*. Tricycle Press.
 Morales, Yuyi. *Just a Minute: A Trickster Tale and Counting Book*. Chronicle.
 Morpugo, Michael. *Kensuke's Kingdom*. Scholastic.
 Myers, Walter Dean. *The Beast*. Scholastic.
 Myers, Walter Dean. *Blues Journey*. Ill. by Christopher Myers. Holiday House.
 Naidoo, Beverley. *Out of Bounds*. Harper-Collins.
 Philip, Neil (Comp.). *Horse Hooves and Chicken Feet: Mexican Folktales*. Clarion.
 Pressler, Mirjam. *Malka*. Philomel.
 Recorvits, Helen. *My Name is Yoon*. Farrar, Straus & Giroux.
 Sacre, Antonio. *The Barking Mouse*. Ill. by Alfredo Aguirre. Whitman.
 Shea, Pegi Deitz. *Tangled Threads: A Hmong Girl's Story*. Clarion.

Shea, Pegi Deitz. *Ten Mice for Tet*. Ill. by Ngoc Trang. Chronicle.
 Smothers, Ethel Footman. *The Hard-Times Jar*. Ill. by John Holyfield. Farrar, Straus & Giroux.
 Tingle, Tim. *Walking the Choctaw Road: Stories from Red People Memory*. Cinco Puntos Press.

Anyone who would like more information about the selection of these titles or view backlisted titles may visit the website at

<http://www.csulb.edu/org/childrens-lit/proj/nbgs/intro-nbgs.html>



Books in Series

When you need to know what book to read next!

<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/ref/booksinseries/>

Search for books in a series by author or series name. Find lists of books including: Oprah's Book Club; Star Wars; Star Trek; and Sweet Valley titles. This project is brought to you by the Information Service Team and Talking Book and Braille Service at the Nebraska Library Commission. Please contact Lisa Kelly (lkelly@nlc.state.ne.us) if your series isn't listed!

Another good series site for youth:

The 'Juvenile Series and Sequels' database from Mid-Continent Public Library, Independence, MO currently contains over 16,500 books in series titles that are classified into three audiences:

- Young Adult -- for high school-aged readers
- Juvenile -- appropriate for grade school through junior high-aged readers
- Juvenile Easy -- for young readers just beginning to read



WEB SITES OF THE MONTH

Pumpkin Nook: This site contains everything you have ever wanted to know about pumpkins, including extensive information on how to grow, cook, and store pumpkins. Includes games and educational material. There are sections on Thanksgiving, Halloween, the history of jack-o'-lanterns, recipes, and the life cycle of a giant pumpkin.

<http://www.pumpkinnook.com/>

Halloween Online: Halloween enthusiasts will find ideas about costumes, decorating and shopping, pumpkin carving, scary movies, recipes, haunted houses in your area, ghost stories, trick-or-treating safety, Halloween fonts and clipart, and more. Also links to "Halloween Online Magazine," which contains "a crypt full of great Halloween how-to articles, costume ideas, crafts, tricks, [and] tips."

<http://www.halloween-online.com/>

Best Reads of 2004 and 1/2: This is a recommended-reading list for "the best reads of the first half of 2004." Includes fiction and nonfiction books and a few audio books. The suggestions were contributed by subscribers to PubLib, a public librarians' discussion list. Solicited and compiled by David Faulkner of the Austin Public Library.

<http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/PubLib/archive/0407/0030.html>

Homeschooling Information and Resource Pages: A large collection of homeschool specific essays, articles, and op-ed pieces from *Home Education Magazine*. There are also a *Questions and Answers* section about homeschoolers issues such as the law, teaching, networking, and special situations; a *Resources* section that includes selected books, curriculum resources, state laws and regulations, and recommended links to other Web sites on homeschooling; an archived online *Newsletter*; discussion board; and a printable (PDF) *Homeschool Guide*.

<http://www.home-ed-magazine.com/>

Natural Learning: Fingerplays: Over 30 poems and other fingerplay exercises.

<http://www.naturallearning.com/fingerplays.html>

Quilting: Beginners and experts alike will enjoy a wealth of annotated, searchable resources for quilters and collectors here. Free patterns, most with full instructions, and clip art are available at the site and via links. Articles and links feature techniques, computer design, appliqué, foundation piecing, building equipment, reviews, dyeing, books and magazines, humor, online fabric exhibits and sources, doll making, and a glossary. Collectors will appreciate resources on history, care, conservation, and appraisal. *Quilting Forum!*, *Ask an Expert*, chat, and online swapping connect fellow quilters. Lists and links cover competitions, online galleries, museums, guilds, personalities, charities, and international quilting. An About.com site.

<http://quilting.about.com/>

U.S. Apple Association: The Web site for this industry association features educational and consumer information about apples. Includes descriptions of apple varieties, recipes, statistics, fun facts, children's activities, research studies on apples and health, lesson plans and educational materials, and industry information.

<http://www.usapple.org/>

Hints from Heloise: The operative word, "hints," on this site covers a multitude of practical, inexpensive, and useful household suggestions and advice. Heloise (born Ponce Kiah Marchelle Cruse), author of the internationally popular column, "Hints from Heloise," shares numerous online hints, a short biography, and valuable travel tips. Don't miss the *Tattoo Removal Program*.

<http://heloise.com/>

A Simple Book Repair Manual: This illustrated online manual includes tools needed; indentifying materials appropriate for simple repair, and ten simple repairs, including cleaning, erasing pencil marks, fixing torn pages, tipping in a page, and repairing spines and hinges.

<http://www.dartmouth.edu/~preserve/repair/repairindex.htm>

Woof! - Training and Understanding Your Dog:

Provides tips for training your dog, addresses problem behaviors, and answers common questions about canines. Uncle Matty (Matthew Margolis) explains why dogs behave the way they do and provides instructions on how to train or correct your dog. Affiliated with the PBS show WOOF!

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/woof/home.html>

Urban Legends Reference Pages: This site "embraces not only urban legends but also misinformation, old wives' tales, strange news stories, rumors, and celebrity gossip." The section called *Rumors of War* focuses on rumors and hoaxes related to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. The newest urban legends are here and are updated as new information is available. Includes other folklore resources, a message board, and trivia quizzes. Searchable.

<http://www.snopes.com/>

United States: States: The Infoplease.com state site features a map of the United States with links to individual state sites with maps which can be enlarged. State profiles provide information on the capital; population; median age; elected officials; history; points of interest; famous natives; entrance into the union; state motto, symbols, and nicknames; name origins; largest cities and county; and land area. The main page has more information arranged by category so the states' information on each subject can be viewed and compared at once.

<http://www.infoplease.com/states.html>

Country Studies: Online version of a series of books prepared by the Federal Research Division of the Library of Congress under the Country Studies/Area Handbook Program sponsored by the Department of the Army between 1986 and 1998. This series contains studies of more than 100 countries. You can search across all countries or any combination of countries, browse the table of contents for a specific country, or read the full text for any of the countries listed.

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/cshome.html>

Ask A Librarian: Have a question that needs an answer? Interact with real librarians on the Web through this "online reference service from the Library of Congress." Services available for live chat are marked with yellow balloons. Hours of availability are noted in each section. Be sure to check the "Reference Correspondence Policy" at the bottom of the main page. Note: your local library may offer virtual reference services--check there first.

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/askalib/>

Guys Read: "A literacy initiative for boys" started by author Jon Scieszka (author of *The Stinky Cheese Man*, among other fun titles) to encourage reading among boys all of ages. The site includes tips on promoting reading for parents, librarians, booksellers, and educators; reading lists for boys; and a forum area for site users to add recommendations of "favorite books for guys."

<http://www.penguinputnam.com/static/packages/us/yreaders/guysread/>

Passport: International Children's Literature: This site provides information about international children's books from a U.S. perspective. It covers books translated into English, books written or published in a foreign country, books set in a foreign country, and books written by immigrants to the United States. Provides annotated links to many topics, such as awards, book fairs, journals, and publishers, and to specific author and illustrator sites. Also browsable by continent. From librarian Denise I. Matulka.

<http://passport.imaginarylands.org/>

Stop, You're Killing Me!: At this site, done by a mystery lover, you can search for mysteries by author or series character. The character index may be searched in a number of ways, including occupation, location, diversity, and historical period. There are links to over three hundred author pages and also annotated links to other mystery resources.

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LIBRARY SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR: SEARCH REOPENED

Exceptional opportunity for creative, motivated M.L.S. professional to plan and direct 20 county, multi-type library system. Major emphasis on developing programs/services for small, rural public libraries. Residency within the System, valid driver's license, M.L.S. from an ALA-accredited library school, and extensive travel/consultation within System area required. Knowledge of technology and library software important. Public library experience desired; \$38,000 – \$43,000 (depending upon qualifications), plus benefits. Reply with application letter, resume and three current work-related references (include addresses/phone numbers) to Republican Valley Library System, c/o Vicki Perrie, 2727 West 2nd Street, Hastings, NE 68901. Questions or additional information contact: rvtlsasst@tcgcs.com. Search committee will begin reviewing applications October 29, 2004.



Nebraska Library Association Election Results

NLA Vice-President/President-Elect: K. Joan Birnie
NLA Secretary: Julie Simpson

C& U Section:
Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Sharon Mason
Treasurer: Sally Gibson

Paraprofessional Section:
Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Matt Rohde
Secretary: Rienne Johnson

Public Library Section:
Chair: Bev Russell
Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Robin Brooks
Secretary-Treasurer: Cecelia Lawrence

SCYP Section:
Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Kim McCain
Secretary: Patty Birch

S& I Section:
Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Tom Schmitz

Secretary: Erin Egan

TUFS Section:
Secretary-Treasurer: Charles Gordon

ITART:
Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Pam Bohmfalk
Secretary-Treasurer: Gayle Roberts

NMRT:
Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Chris Jorgensen
Secretary: Jodene Glaesemann
Treasurer: Greg Goessmann

TSRT:
Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Jeff Tangeman
Secretary: Ben Brick



Congratulations also go out to:

Kathy Tooker, Administrator of the Eastern Library System for being awarded the Meritorious Service Award from the Nebraska Library Association

Sharon Osenga, Administrator of the Meridian Library System for being elected Vice-President/President-Elect of the Mountain Plains Library Association.

Mary Pipher for being awarded the Mari Sandoz Award from the Nebraska Library Association.



Basic Skills: Public Library Administration

Classes are scheduled for:

Kearney: December 3, 10, 17
Instructor: Sharon Osenga

North Platte: December 6, 13, 20
Instructors: Richard Miller and Pam Scott
Cost: \$35

Register now with the Nebraska Library Commission.

**Meridian Library System
Youth Services Grants 2004-2005**

INTRODUCTION:

The Meridian Library System is offering four five hundred dollar (\$500.00) grants to member libraries and media centers for projects or programs impacting services to children or teens. Applications will be judged in a competitive process by the Youth Services Committee of the Meridian Library System. Awards will be made in January, 2005. Depending upon the number of applications received, preference will be given to those libraries or media centers who did not receive a youth services grant in 2003-2004.

AWARD CRITERIA:

1. Clear convincing application.
2. Strong needs statement with documentation.
3. Innovative and creative programs.
4. Ability to see the project through to conclusion.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Complete and sign the following form.
2. Submit original and nine (9) copies of this form by the application deadline or the application will not be considered.
3. Submit completed application to:
Meridian Library System
3519 Second Avenue, Suite B
Kearney, NE 68847

Application must be postmarked by December 15, 2004. The Meridian Library System disclaims responsibility for applications received beyond the closing date.

APPLICANT ORGANIZATION:

Organization Name:

Address:

Contact Person and Title:

Telephone Number:

E-Mail Address:

Title of Project:

PROJECT OR PROGRAM INFORMATION: (attach the following information to this application form)

Project Description: Provide a brief (150 words or fewer) summary of the project, including the project title and the estimated beginning and the end dates.

Project Narrative:

- **NEEDS STATEMENT** - List and explain why this project/program/service is needed. Please be factual and objective.
- **PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES, INCLUDING TARGETED AUDIENCE** - Objectives should be measurable.
- **PROGRAM/METHODS STATEMENT** – Include description of program and methods you plan to use in order to reach the goals and objectives of the project/program/service. Be specific.
- **PROPOSED PROGRAM BUDGET** – Divide into the following categories: personnel expenses, operating expenses, equipment, other expenses. If materials are being ordered, include an itemized list.
- **PROJECT TIMETABLE**
- **EVALUATION** – What results do you expect from this project? How will your project make a difference?

SIGNATURE OF PROJECT DIRECTOR:

Date: _____

Upon completion of the LTA program students will be equipped with the skills to work in a variety of library environments. Graduates of the program will be able to:

- Discuss the typical functions of libraries in today's society;
- Recognize and apply methods for collection assessment;
- Assess and understand the wide diversity of library customers;
- Evaluate and utilize current information resources in a variety of formats;
- Discuss planning and marketing tools and resources available for all types of library environments;
- Plan and demonstrate a program for children or young adults in the library;
- Demonstrate knowledge of cataloging and processing terminology and policies;
- Identify a plan and strategy for continuing professional development.

The Nebraska Library Commission has scholarships available for LTA students. Go to www.nlc.state.ne.us for information or contact Pam Scott, Continuing Education Coordinator at the NE Library Commission (800) 307-2665 • psscott@nlc.state.ne.us

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Associate of Arts Degree Option



Offered jointly through the Nebraska Community Colleges

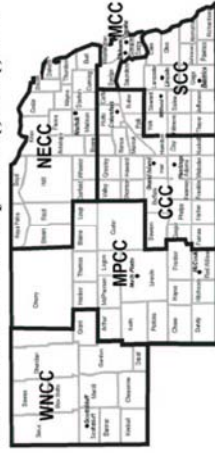
An associate of arts degree in Library Science Education is now available in Nebraska through a partnership of the Nebraska Community College System, Nebraska Library Commission, and the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Students interested in earning the Library Technical Assistant (LTA) Associate of Arts Degree should apply to the community college of their choice.

Working closely with the program advisor at their home campus, students will:

- Register for online LTA core course at the community college offering the course.
- Transfer credits back to their home campus.
- Complete the general studies courses and elective hours to meet graduation requirements for the Associate of Arts Degree at their college.

Nebraska Community College Regions



CCC=Central Community College
MCC=Midwest Community College
MPCC=Mid-Plains Community College
NECC=Northeast Community College
SCC=Southeast Community College
WNC=Western Nebraska Community College

NOTE: Advisors for each campus are listed on the back of this brochure.

What can I do with the LTA Degree?

In as little as two years, graduates from this program will be able to provide services requiring technical skills in such vital areas as:

- Development of youth or adult programming
- Circulation of materials
- Acquisition and processing of all types of materials – print and electronic
- Budgeting and planning
- Collection development

The program's courses particularly focus on:

- Information resources in all formats
- Services for youth
- Library management



Nebraska Community Colleges - Library Technical Assistant Program Course Rotation

◆ Month course begins		Schedule as of 8/11/04 subject to adjustment											
Course	Aug 04	Jan 05	May 05	Aug 05	Jan 06	May 06	Aug 06	Jan 07	May 07				
LIBR 1510 Reference Services in Library & Information Environments Central Community College – Grand Island			◆			◆				◆			◆
LIBR 1610 Introduction to Children & Young Adult Services Central Community College – Columbus			◆			◆				◆			◆
LIBR 1010 Introduction to Library and Information Services Metropolitan Community College – Omaha	◆	◆		◆	◆		◆	◆					
LIBR 2200 Introduction to Library Collection Management + Mid-Plains Community College - North Platte		◆			◆			◆					
LIBR 1110 Administration of Library and Information Environments + Northeast Community College – Norfolk				◆			◆						
LIBR 1210 Public Services in Library and Information Science + Southeast Community College – Lincoln		◆			◆			◆					
LIBR 2400 Introduction to Technical Services – Cataloging + Western Nebraska Community College – Scottsbluff				◆			◆						
LIBR 2991 Library Science Capstone Practicum All campuses					◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆

+ Fulfills requirements for one of the courses required by the Nebraska Library Commission, Basic Skills Training Courses for Public Librarian Certification Program. LTA courses may be used to complete continuing education requirements for the Certification Programs through the Nebraska Library Commission.

Contact Pam Scott, Nebraska Library Commission at (800) 307-2665 for more information.



The Nebraska Equal Justice Clearinghouse is a joint project sponsored by Nebraska Appleseed Center, Legal Aid of Nebraska and other area agencies interested in providing Nebraska's low income community with an equal access to justice. The website is located at:

<http://www.neequaljustice.org>

and supplies answers to questions and links to organizations that can help in the areas of consumers, disability rights, elder law, family law, housing, education, employment, health care and public benefits.



Public Library Trustee Survey

Please have your library trustees be on the watch for the Public Library Trustee Survey. It should arrive in the next few weeks. The survey is being mailed to each trustee directly, not to your library. Each trustee who completes the survey and mails it in will receive two continuing education units in the Public Librarian Certification Program.



Continuing Education Database

The System Office now has the ability to access the Nebraska Library Commission's Continuing Education Database. If you need to know how many continuing education units you have accrued or a list of the classes and programs you have attended, you can give us a call and we can help you out.

New E-Rate forms are coming for next application year so you may want to hold off filing your form 470 until the new form is approved.

One Book, One State

Be on the lookout this spring for the One Book, One State program. Through a new initiative launched by the Willa Cather Pioneer Memorial and Educational Foundation, in Spring 2005 citizens across the state will read the classic novel *My Antonia* by Nebraska's own Willa Cather. Librarians across the state will be asked to join with the foundation and Committee to help encourage people to read and join discussion groups. Information on how your library can be involved will be mailed to you in the near future.



Looking for something new and zany in library merchandise? Check out www.teasecatalog.com and show the world who librarians really are!



The Top 10 Banned Books of 2003

1. Alice series, for sexual content, using offensive language, and being unsuited to age group.
2. Harry Potter series, for its focus on wizardry and magic.
3. "Of Mice and Men" by John Steinbeck, for using offensive language.
4. "Arming America: The Origins of a National Gun Culture" by Michael A. Bellesiles, for inaccuracy.
5. "Fallen Angels" by Walter Dean Myers, for racism, sexual content, offensive language, drugs and violence.
6. "Go Ask Alice" by Anonymous, for drugs.
7. "It's Perfectly Normal" by Robie Harris, for homosexuality, nudity, sexual content and sex education.
8. "We All Fall Down" by Robert Cormier, for offensive language and sexual content.
9. "King and King" by Linda de Haan, for homosexuality.
10. "Bridge to Terabithia" by Katherine Paterson, for offensive language and occult/satanism.

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